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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Cross-Referenced Applications

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application 09/391,377, filed September 8, 1999, and this application claims the priority benefit of provisional application 60/099,654, filed September 9, 1998.

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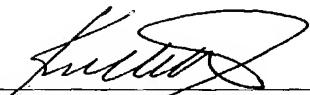
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The First Preliminary Amendment incorporates the application lineage per 35 U.S.C. § 120.

The Examiner is specifically directed to the Search Report for PCT/US99/20960, which appears to related to U.S. Patent No. 6, 254,389. A copy of the latter patent is also enclosed.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel all claims without prejudice and add new claims as follows:

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3941. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base comprising

(a) at least one member selected from the group consisting of a mono-, di- and/or tri-functional acrylic polymer and a mono-, di-, and/or tri-functional acrylic monomer; a curing agent; a filler; an initiator; a plasticizer; and optionally additional additives;

(b) at least one member selected from the group consisting of an organopolysiloxane and a phosphonitrile fluoroelastomer; a filler; a crosslinking agent; and, optionally additional additives, and or

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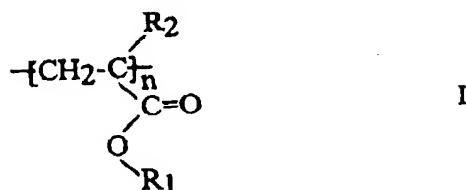
(c) a polymer matrix including a polymerizable resin adapted for use in an oral environment which contains at least one of 2,2-bis[4-(2-hydroxy-3-methacrylyloxypropoxy)phenyl]propane, ethyleneglycol dimethacrylate; triethyleneglycol dimethacrylate, and/or an urethane dimethacrylate resin; a filler, initiator, a coupling agent and, optionally, additional additives.

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(New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 41, wherein said composition comprises (a).

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(New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 41, wherein said composition contains at least one acrylic polymer containing repeating monomer units represented by the formula



wherein

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R_1 represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, a substituted alkyl group, a benzyl group, a hydroxy alkyl group, a cyclic hydrocarbon, an ether group,

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R_2 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group, or a substituted alkyl group, and

n is an integer of two or more.

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(New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 42, wherein R_1 represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, a cyclic hydrocarbon, a benzyl group, a hydroxy alkyl group, or an ether group.

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(New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 43, wherein R_2 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, or an alkyl group.

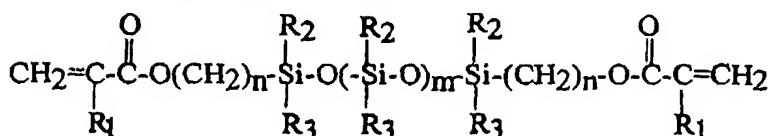
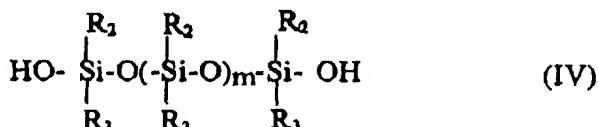
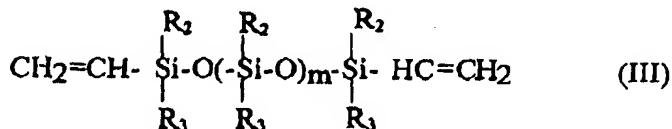
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(New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 44, wherein said filler comprises an organic filler or an inorganic filler.

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39 47. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 47, wherein, wherein said composition comprises (b).

46 48. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 47, wherein said organopolysiloxane is represented by any of formulas (III), (IV) or (V)



wherein said formulas

m represents a value of 1 to about 6,000,

n represents an integer having a value of 1 to 6,

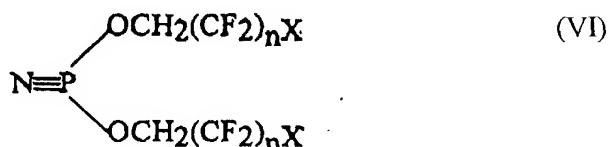
*R*₁ represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group,

*R*₂ represents an alkyl group of 1-6 carbon atoms, and

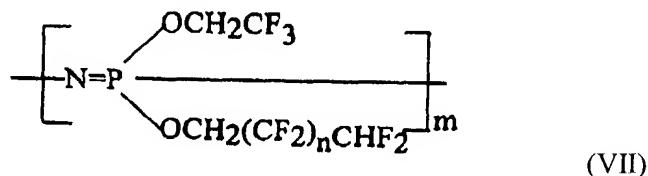
*R*₃ represents an alkyl group having 1-6 carbon atoms.

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39 49. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 47, wherein said composition comprises (b) and said at least one phosphonitrile fluoropolymer that is represented by formula (VI):



in which X represents a hydrogen atom or fluorine atom, n is a value of 1 to 11; or
that has repeating monomer units represented by formula (VII):



in which n represents 3, 5, 7, 9 or 11 and m is from 10,000 to 50,000.

48 50. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim
39 51, wherein said composition comprises (c).

49 51. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim
48 50, wherein said initiator comprises at least one microwave sensitive compound.

50 52. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim
49 51, wherein said initiator comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of
benzoyl peroxide, dilauroyl peroxide, (tert-butyl) peroctoate, tert-butyl perbenzoate, 2,4-
dichlorobenzoyl peroxide and 4,4-dichlorobenzoyl peroxide.

51 53. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim
49 51, wherein said composition contains 0.05% to 1.0% by weight of said initiator.

52 54. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim
49 50, wherein said coupler comprises gamma-methoxypropylene silane or a thiomethacrylate.

53 56. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim
49 52, wherein (a) further comprises an amine accelerator.

54 56. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim
39 51, wherein said filler comprises particles having a particle size in the range of 0.04 to approximately
10 micrometers.

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57. (New) A method for forming a hardened object comprising

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(i) forming a hardenable dental composite from a microwave curable composition, or applying a microwave curable resin matrix to a tooth; and
(ii) obtaining said hardened object by applying microwave energy to harden said composite or cure said resin matrix.

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58. (New) A method according to claim 57, wherein said composite is a dental prosthetic or orthopedic element.

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59. (New) A method according to claim 57, wherein said composite is a dental prosthetic and in (ii) the hardening is intra-oral using a hand-held microwave applicator.

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60. (New) A method according to claim 57, wherein said dental prosthetic is a composite filling, a crown, a bridge, an inlay, an overlay, a facing, a veneer or orthodontic appliance.

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61. (New) A method according to claim 57, wherein said microwave curable composite are according to claim 20.

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62. (New) A method according to claim 57, wherein in said method a hand-held microwave applicator is used in curing said resin matrix.

See Appendix

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REMARKS

Please enter these claims. They are considered supported by the specification for reasons of record in this or the parent application. Claims 41-56 correspond to claims 19-35 in the Second Preliminary Amendment.

Claims 57-62 relate to former claims 36-40.

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APPENDIX

In the claims:

Claims 20-40 canceled without prejudice

New Claims 41 - 62 added.



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the subject application.

small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

DUE DATE: N/A

- Petition For Extension Of Time
 - for a -month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee of \$00.00 is enclosed.
 - petition for an extension of time is NOT necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 06-1135 for the appropriate petition fee.
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

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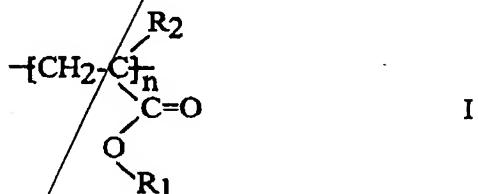
Please cancel claims 1-18 without prejudice and add new claims as follows:

19. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base comprising
(a) at least one member selected from the group consisting of a mono-, di- and/or tri-functional acrylic polymer and a mono-, di-, and/or tri-functional acrylic monomer; a curing agent; a filler; an initiator; a plasticizer; and optionally additional additives;
(b) at least one member selected from the group consisting of an organopolysiloxane and a phosphonitrile fluoroelastomer; a filler; a crosslinking agent; and, optionally additional additives, and or
(c) a polymer matrix including a polymerizable resin adapted for use in an oral environment which contains at least one of 2,2-bis[4-(2-hydroxy-3-methacryloxypropoxy)phenyl]propane, ethyleneglycol dimethacrylate; triethyleneglycol

dimethacrylate, and/or an urethane dimethacrylate resin; a filler, initiator, a coupling agent and, optionally, additional additives.

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21. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 20, wherein said composition comprises (a).

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22. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 21, wherein said composition contains at least one acrylic polymer containing repeating monomer units represented by the formula



wherein

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 R_1 represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, a substituted alkyl group, a benzyl group, a hydroxy alkyl group, a cyclic hydrocarbon, an ether group,

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 R_2 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group, or a substituted alkyl group, and

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 n is an integer of two or more.

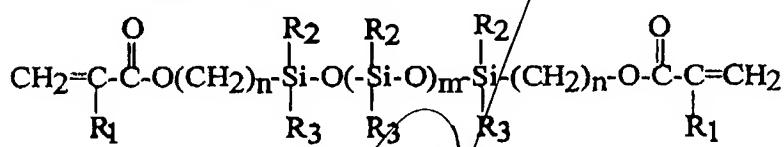
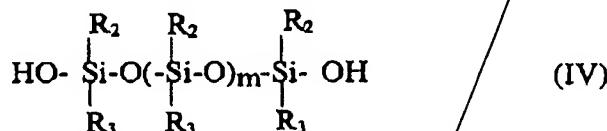
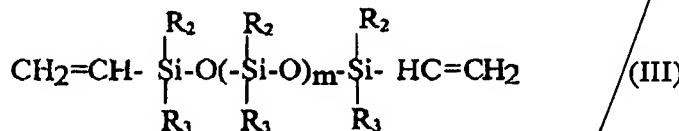
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23. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 22, wherein R_1 represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, a cyclic hydrocarbon, a benzyl group, a hydroxy alkyl group, or an ether group.

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24. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 22, wherein R_2 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, or an alkyl group.

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25. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 21, wherein said composition comprises (b).

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26. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 20, wherein said composition comprises (b).

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27. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to
claim 26, wherein said organopolysiloxane is represented by any of formulas (III), (IV) or (V)



wherein said formulas

m represents a value of 1 to about 6,000,

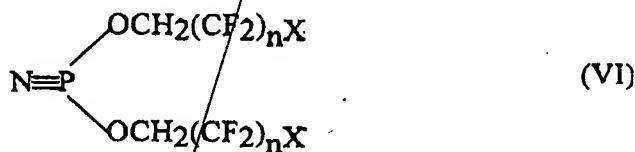
n represents an integer having a value of 1 to 6,

R₁ represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group,

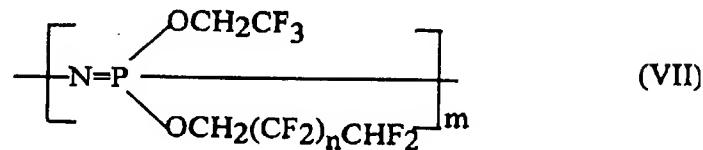
R₂ represents an alkyl group of 1-6 carbon atoms, and

R₃ represents an alkyl group having 1-6 carbon atoms.

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28. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to
claim 20, wherein said composition comprises (b) and said at least one phosphonitrile
fluoropolymer that is represented by formula (VI):



in which X represents a hydrogen atom or fluorine atom, n is a value of 1 to 11; or
that has repeating monomer units represented by formula (VII):



in which n represents 3, 5, 7, 9 or 11 and m is from 10,000 to 50,000.

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29. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 20, wherein said composition comprises (c).

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30. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 29, wherein said initiator comprises at least one microwave sensitive compound.

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31. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 30, wherein said initiator comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of benzoyl peroxide, dilauroyl peroxide, (tert-butyl) peroctoate, tert-butyl perbenzoate, 2,4-dichlorobenzoyl peroxide and 4,4-dichlorobenzoyl peroxide.

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32. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 30, wherein said composition contains 0.05% to 1.0% by weight of said initiator.

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33. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 29, wherein said coupler comprises gamma-methoxypropylene silane or a thiomethacrylate.

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34. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 21, wherein (a) further comprises an amine accelerator.

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35. (New) A microwave curable composition suitable for a denture base according to claim 20, wherein said filler comprises particles having a particle size in the range of 0.04 to approximately 10 micrometers.

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36. (New) A method for forming a hardened object comprising
(i) forming a hardenable composite from a microwave curable composition according to claim 20; and
(ii) obtaining said hardened object by using a hand-held microwave applicator to apply microwave energy to harden said composite.

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36 37. (New) A method according to claim *36*, wherein said composite is a dental prosthetic or orthopedic element.

37 38. (New) A method according to claim *37*, wherein said composite is a dental prosthetic and in (ii) the hardening is intra-oral using said hand-held microwave applicator.

38 39. (New) A method according to claim *37*, wherein said dental prosthetic is a composite filling, a crown, a bridge, an inlay, an overlay, a facing, a veneer or orthodontic appliance.

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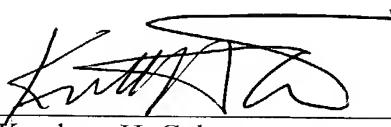
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REMARKS

The Second Preliminary Amendment introduces non-elected claim 20 plus new dependent claims 21-35. New claims 36 et seq. are also added. Present claim 20 differs from parent application claim 20 in referring to an acrylic polymer and acrylic monomer, as seen from the original specification at pages 10 and 13.

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Claims 1-19 canceled without prejudice

New Claims 20-39 added.